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ADDITIVE FUNCTIONAL INEQUALITIES IN GENERALIZED QUASI-BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of the following function inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \|af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z)\| &\leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by + cz}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (0 < |K| < |a + b + c|), \\ \|af(x) + bf(y) + Kf(z)\| &\leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by}{K} + z\right) \right\| \quad (0 < K < |a + b + K|) \end{aligned}$$

in generalized quasi-Banach spaces.

1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [1] in 1940, concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Let (G_1, \cdot) be a group and let $(G_2, *)$ be a metric group with the metric $d(\cdot, \cdot)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta > 0$, such that if a mapping $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(h(xy), h(x) * h(y)) < \delta$ for all $x, y \in G_1$, then there exists a homomorphism $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ with $d(h(x), H(x)) < \epsilon$ for all $x \in G_1$? In the other words, Under what condition does there exists a homomorphism near an approximate homomorphism? The concept of stability for functional equation arises when we replace the functional equation by an inequality which acts as a perturbation of the equation. In 1941, Hyers [2] gave the first affirmative answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Let $f : E \rightarrow E'$ be a mapping between Banach spaces such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \delta$$

for all $x, y \in E$, and for some $\delta > 0$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $T : E \rightarrow E'$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \delta$$

for all $x \in E$. Moreover, if $f(tx)$ is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $x \in E$, then T is \mathbb{R} -linear. In 1978, Th.M. Rassias [3] proved the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1. *Let $f : E \rightarrow E'$ be a mapping from a normed vector space E into a Banach space E' subject to the inequality*

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p) \quad (1.1)$$

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for all $x, y \in E$, where ϵ and p are constants with $\epsilon > 0$ and $p < 1$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $T : E \rightarrow E'$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{2\epsilon}{2-2^p} \|x\|^p \quad (1.2)$$

for all $x \in E$. If $p < 0$ then inequality (1.1) holds for all $x, y \neq 0$, and (1.2) for $x \neq 0$. Also, if the function $t \mapsto f(tx)$ from \mathbb{R} into E' is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $x \in E$, then T is \mathbb{R} -linear.

In 1991, Gajda [4] answered the question for the case $p > 1$, which was raised by Th.M. Rassias. On the other hand, J.M. Rassias [5] generalized the Hyers-Ulam stability result by presenting a weaker condition controlled by a product of different powers of norms.

Theorem 1.2. ([6, 7]) *If it is assumed that there exist constants $\Theta \geq 0$ and $p_1, p_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $p = p_1 + p_2 \neq 1$, and $f : E \rightarrow E'$ is a mapping from a norm space E into a Banach space E' such that the inequality*

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \Theta \|x\|^{p_1} \|y\|^{p_2}$$

for all $x, y \in E$, then there exists a unique additive mapping $T : E \rightarrow E'$ such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \frac{\Theta}{2-2^p} \|x\|^p,$$

for all $x \in E$. If, in addition, $f(tx)$ is continuous in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for each fixed $x \in E$, then T is \mathbb{R} -linear

More generalizations and applications of the Hyers-Ulam stability to a number of functional equations and mappings can be found in [8]–[22].

In [23], Park et al. investigated the following inequalities

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| \leq \left\| 2f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{2}\right) \right\|,$$

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| \leq \|f(x+y+z)\|,$$

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + 2f(z)\| \leq \left\| 2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2} + z\right) \right\|$$

in Banach spaces. Recently, Cho et al. [24] investigated the following functional inequality

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (0 < |K| < |3|)$$

in non-Archimedean Banach spaces. Lu and Park [25] investigated the following functional inequality

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \right\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i)}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (0 < |K| \leq N)$$

in Fréchet spaces.

In [26], we investigated the following functional inequalities

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + f(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{x+y+z}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (0 < |K| < 3), \quad (1.3)$$

$$\|f(x) + f(y) + Kf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{x+y}{K} + z\right) \right\| \quad (0 < K \neq 2) \quad (1.4)$$

and proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional inequalities (1.3) and (1.4) in Banach spaces.

We consider the following functional inequalities

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by + cz}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (0 < |K| < |a + b + c|), \quad (1.5)$$

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + Kf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by}{K} + z\right) \right\| \quad (0 < K < |a + b + K|), \quad (1.6)$$

where a, b, c are nonzero real numbers.

Now, we recall some basic facts concerning quasi-Banach spaces and some preliminary results.

Definition 1.3. ([27, 28]) Let X be a linear space. A quasi-norm is a real-valued function on X satisfying the following:

- (1) $\|x\| \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$ and $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$.
- (2) $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and all $x \in X$.
- (3) There is a constant $C \geq 1$ such that $\|x + y\| \leq C(\|x\| + \|y\|)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

The pair $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *quasi-normed space* if $\|\cdot\|$ is a quasi-norm on X .

A *quasi-Banach space* is a complete quasi-normed space.

Baak [29] generalized the concept of quasi-normed spaces.

Definition 1.4. ([29]) Let X be a linear space. A **generalized quasi-norm** is a real-valued function on X satisfying the following:

- (1) $\|x\| \geq 0$ for all $x \in X$ and $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$.
- (2) $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and all $x \in X$.
- (3) There is a constant $C \geq 1$ such that $\|\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} C\|x_j\|$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots \in X$ with $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j \in X$.

The pair $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is called a *generalized quasi-normed space* if $\|\cdot\|$ is a generalized quasi-norm on X . The smallest possible C is called the *modulus of concavity* of $\|\cdot\|$.

A *generalized quasi-Banach space* is a complete generalized quasi-normed space.

In this paper, we show that the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional inequalities (1.5) and (1.6) in generalized quasi-Banach spaces.

Throughout this paper, assume that X is a generalized quasi-normed vector space with generalized quasi-norm $\|\cdot\|$ and that $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ is a generalized quasi-Banach space. Let C be the modulus of concavity of $\|\cdot\|$.

2. HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF THE FUNCTIONAL INEQUALITY (1.5)

Throughout this section, assume that K is a real number with $0 < |K| < |a + b + c|$.

Proposition 2.1. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping such that

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by + cz}{K}\right) \right\| \quad (2.1)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then the mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is additive.

Proof. Letting $x = y = z = 0$ in (2.1), we get

$$\|(a + b + c)f(0)\| \leq \|Kf(0)\|.$$

So $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $z = 0$ and $y = -\frac{b}{a}x$ in (2.1), we get

$$\left\| af(x) + bf\left(-\frac{a}{b}x\right) \right\| \leq \|Kf(0)\| = 0$$

for all $x \in X$. So $f(x) = -\frac{b}{a}f(-\frac{a}{b}x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Replacing x by $-x$ and letting $y = 0$ and $z = \frac{a}{c}x$ in (2.1), we get

$$\left\| af(-x) + cf\left(\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \leq \|Kf(0)\| = 0$$

for all $x \in X$. So $f(-x) = -\frac{c}{a}f(\frac{a}{c}x)$ for all $x \in X$. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) + f(-x)\| &= \left\| -\frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{a}{b}x\right) - \frac{c}{a}f\left(\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{|a|} \left\| af(0) + bf\left(-\frac{a}{b}x\right) + cf\left(\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{|a|} \left\| Kf\left(\frac{a \cdot 0 - b\frac{a}{b}x + c\frac{a}{c}x}{K}\right) \right\| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $f(x) = -f(-x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) + f(y) - f(x+y)\| &= \|f(x) + f(y) + f(-x-y)\| \\ &= \left\| -\frac{a}{a}f\left(-\frac{a}{a}x\right) - \frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{a}{b}y\right) - \frac{c}{a}f\left(\frac{ax+ay}{c}\right) \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{|a|} \left\| af\left(-\frac{a}{a}x\right) + bf\left(-\frac{a}{b}y\right) + cf\left(\frac{ax+ay}{c}\right) \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{|a|} \left\| Kf\left(\frac{a \cdot (-\frac{a}{a}x) + b \cdot (-\frac{a}{b}y) + c \cdot \frac{a(x+y)}{c}}{K}\right) \right\| = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$$

for all $x, y \in X$, as desired. \square

Theorem 2.2. Assume that a mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the inequality

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax+by+cz}{K}\right) \right\| + \phi(x, y, z), \quad (2.2)$$

where $\phi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfies $\phi(0, 0, 0) = 0$ and

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^j \phi\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j x, \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j y, \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j z\right) < \infty$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|A(x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{C^2}{|a|} \left[\tilde{\phi}\left(x, -\frac{a}{b}x, 0\right) + \tilde{\phi}\left(0, -\frac{a}{b}x, \frac{a}{c}x\right) \right] \quad (2.3)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. Letting $x = y = z = 0$ in (2.2), we get $\|(a+b+c)f(0)\| \leq \|Kf(0)\| + \phi(0, 0, 0) = \|Kf(0)\|$. So $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $y = 0$ and $z = -\frac{a}{c}x$ in (2.2), we get

$$\left\| af(x) + cf\left(-\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \leq \phi\left(x, 0, -\frac{a}{c}x\right)$$

for all $x \in X$. So $\left\| f(x) + \frac{c}{a}f\left(-\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{|a|}\phi\left(x, 0, -\frac{a}{c}x\right)$ for all $x \in X$.

Letting $y = -\frac{a}{b}x$ and $z = 0$ in (2.2), we obtain

$$\left\| f(x) + \frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{a}{b}x\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{|a|}\phi\left(x, -\frac{a}{b}x, 0\right)$$

for all $x \in X$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f(x) - \frac{c}{a}f\left(\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| &= \left\| f(x) + \frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{ax}{b}\right) - \frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{ax}{b}\right) - \frac{c}{a}f\left(\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq C \left(\left\| f(x) + \frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{ax}{b}\right) \right\| + \left\| \frac{b}{a}f\left(-\frac{ax}{b}\right) + \frac{c}{a}f\left(\frac{a}{c}x\right) \right\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{|a|} \left[\phi\left(x, -\frac{ax}{b}, 0\right) + \phi\left(0, -\frac{ax}{b}, \frac{ax}{c}\right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for all $x \in X$.

It follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^l f\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^l x\right) - \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^m f\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^m x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^j f\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j x\right) - \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^{j+1} f\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^{j+1} x\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{C^2}{|a|} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^j \left[\phi\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j x, -\frac{a}{b}\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j x, 0\right) + \phi\left(0, -\frac{a}{b}\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^j x, \left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^{j+1} x\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for all nonnegative integers m and l with $m > l$ and all $x \in X$. It means that the sequence $\{(\frac{c}{a})^n f((\frac{a}{c})^n x)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$. Since Y is complete, the sequence $\{(\frac{c}{a})^n f((\frac{a}{c})^n x)\}$ converges. We define the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ by $A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{(\frac{c}{a})^n f((\frac{a}{c})^n x)\}$ for all $x \in X$. Moreover, letting $l = 0$ and passing the limit $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get (2.3).

Next, we show that $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is an additive mapping.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A(x) + A(-x)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left\| f\left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{-a^n x}{c^n}\right) \right\| \\
&\leq C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left[\left\| f\left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + \frac{b}{a} f\left(-\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) \right\| \right. \\
&\quad + \left\| f\left(-\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + \frac{c}{a} f\left(\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) \right\| \\
&\quad + \left. \left\| \frac{b}{a} f\left(-\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + \frac{c}{a} f\left(\frac{a}{c} \cdot \frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) \right\| \right] \\
&\leq C \frac{1}{|a|} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left[\phi\left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}, -\frac{a}{b} \frac{a^n x}{c^n}, 0\right) + \phi\left(-\frac{a^n x}{c^n}, 0, \frac{a^{n+1} x}{c^{n+1}}\right) \right. \\
&\quad + \left. \phi\left(0, -\frac{a}{b} \frac{a^n x}{c^n}, \frac{a^{n+1} x}{c^{n+1}}\right) \right] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

and so $A(-x) = -A(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A(x) + A(y) - A(x+y)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left\| f\left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + f\left(\frac{a^n y}{c^n}\right) - f\left(\frac{a^n(x+y)}{c^n}\right) \right\| \\
&= C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left[\left\| f\left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + \frac{b}{a} f\left(-\frac{a}{b} \frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) \right\| \right. \\
&\quad + \left\| f\left(\frac{a^n y}{c^n}\right) + \frac{c}{a} f\left(-\frac{a^{n+1} y}{c^{n+1}}\right) \right\| \\
&\quad + \left. \left\| f\left(\frac{a^n(x+y)}{c^n}\right) + \frac{b}{a} f\left(-\frac{a}{b} \frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right) + \frac{c}{a} f\left(-\frac{a^{n+1} y}{c^{n+1}}\right) \right\| \right] \\
&\leq C \frac{1}{|a|} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left[\phi\left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}, -\frac{a}{b} \left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right), 0\right) + \phi\left(\frac{a^n y}{c^n}, 0, -\frac{a}{c} \left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right)\right) \right. \\
&\quad + \left. \phi\left(\frac{a^n(x+y)}{c^n}, -\frac{a}{b} \left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right), -\frac{a}{c} \left(\frac{a^n x}{c^n}\right)\right) \right] \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Thus the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is additive.

Now, we prove the uniqueness of A . Assume that $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is another additive mapping satisfying (2.3). Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A(x) - T(x)\| &= \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left\| A\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^n x\right) - T\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^n x\right) \right\| \\
&\leq C \cdot \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^n \left[\left\| A\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^n x\right) - f\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^n x\right) \right\| \right. \\
&\quad + \left. \left\| T\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^n x\right) - f\left(\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)^n x\right) \right\| \right] \\
&\leq 2C \frac{C^2}{|a|} \left[\tilde{\phi}\left(x, -\frac{a}{b} x, 0\right) + \tilde{\phi}\left(0, -\frac{a}{b} x, \frac{a}{c} x\right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all $x \in X$. Then we can conclude that $A(x) = T(x)$ for all $x \in X$. This complete the proof. \square

Corollary 2.3. *Let p and θ be positive real numbers with $p > 1$. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping satisfying*

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + cf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by + cz}{K}\right) \right\| + \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{C}{|a|} \cdot \frac{c^p + a^p}{c^p - c(a+b)^{p-1}} \theta \|x\|^p$$

for all $x \in X$.

3. HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF THE FUNCTIONAL INEQUALITY (1.6)

Throughout this section, assume that K, a, b are nonzero real numbers with $0 < K \neq 2$ and $|a + b + K| \geq K$.

Proposition 3.1. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping such that*

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + Kf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax + by}{K} + z\right) \right\| \quad (3.1)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then the mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is additive.

Proof. Letting $x = y = z = 0$ in (3.1), we get

$$\|(K + a + b)f(0)\| \leq \|Kf(0)\|.$$

So $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $y = -\frac{a}{b}x$ and $z = 0$ in (3.1), we get

$$\left\| af(x) + bf\left(-\frac{a}{b}x\right) \right\| \leq \|Kf(0)\| = 0$$

for all $x \in X$. So $f(x) = -\frac{b}{a}f(-\frac{a}{b}x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Replacing x by $-x$ and letting $y = 0$ and $z = \frac{a}{K}x$ in (3.1), we get

$$\left\| af(-x) + Kf\left(\frac{a}{K}x\right) \right\| \leq \|Kf(0)\| = 0$$

for all $x \in X$. So $f(-x) = -\frac{K}{a}f(\frac{a}{K}x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Thus we get

$$\|f(x) + f(-x)\| = \frac{1}{|a|} \left\| bf\left(-\frac{a}{b}x\right) + Kf\left(\frac{a}{K}x\right) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{|a|} \|f(0)\| = 0$$

for all $x \in X$. So $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Letting $z = \frac{-x-y}{K}$ in (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| af(x) + bf(y) - Kf\left(\frac{ax + by}{K}\right) \right\| &= \left\| af(x) + bf(y) + Kf\left(\frac{-ax - by}{K}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \|Kf(0)\| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Thus

$$Kf\left(\frac{ax + by}{K}\right) = af(x) + bf(y) \quad (3.2)$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Letting $y = 0$ in (3.2), we get $f(x) = \frac{a}{K}f\left(\frac{Kx}{a}\right)$ for all $x \in X$. Letting $x = 0$ in (3.2), we get $f(y) = \frac{b}{K}f\left(\frac{Ky}{b}\right)$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(x) + f(y) - f(x+y)\| &= \left\| \frac{a}{K}f\left(\frac{Kx}{a}\right) + \frac{b}{K}f\left(\frac{Ky}{b}\right) + f(-x-y) \right\| \\ &= \frac{1}{|K|} \left\| af\left(\frac{Kx}{a}\right) + bf\left(\frac{Ky}{b}\right) + Kf(-x-y) \right\| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$, as desired. \square

Theorem 3.2. Assume that a mapping $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfies the inequality

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + Kf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf\left(\frac{ax+by}{K} + z\right) \right\| + \phi(x, y, z), \quad (3.3)$$

where $\phi : X^3 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ satisfies $\phi(0, 0, 0) = 0$ and

$$\tilde{\phi}(x, y, z) := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left| \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^j \right| \phi \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j y, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j z \right) < \infty$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|A(x) - f(x)\| \leq \frac{C^2}{|K|} \left[\tilde{\phi} \left(0, -\frac{K}{a}x, x \right) + \tilde{\phi} \left(\frac{K}{a}x, -\frac{K}{b}x, 0 \right) \right] \quad (3.4)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Proof. Letting $x = y = z = 0$ in (3.3), we get $\|(K+a+b)f(0)\| \leq \|Kf(0)\| + \phi(0, 0, 0) = \|Kf(0)\|$. So $f(0) = 0$.

Letting $x = 0, y = -\frac{Kx}{b}, z = x$ in (3.3), we obtain

$$\left\| af(0) + bf\left(-\frac{K}{b}x\right) + Kf(x) \right\| \leq \phi\left(0, -\frac{K}{b}x, x\right)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Letting $y = 0, z = -\frac{Kx}{a}$ in (3.3), we obtain

$$\left\| af(x) + bf(0) + Kf\left(-\frac{ax}{K}\right) \right\| \leq \phi\left(x, 0, -\frac{ax}{K}\right)$$

for all $x \in X$.

Letting $x = \frac{Kx}{a}, y = -\frac{Kx}{b}, z = 0$ in (3.3), we get

$$\left\| af\left(\frac{Kx}{a}\right) + bf\left(-\frac{Kx}{b}\right) + Kf(0) \right\| \leq \phi\left(\frac{Kx}{a}, -\frac{Kx}{b}, 0\right)$$

for all $x \in X$. So

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| f(x) - \frac{a}{K}f\left(\frac{Kx}{a}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq C \left[\left\| f(x) + \frac{b}{K}f\left(-\frac{Kx}{b}\right) \right\| + \left\| \frac{b}{K}f\left(-\frac{Kx}{b}\right) + \frac{a}{K}f\left(\frac{Kx}{a}\right) \right\| \right] \\ &\leq \frac{C}{|K|} \left[\phi\left(0, -\frac{K}{b}x, x\right) + \phi\left(\frac{K}{a}x, -\frac{K}{b}x, 0\right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

for all $x \in X$. It follows from (3.5) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^l f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^l x \right) - \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^m f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^m x \right) \right\| \\
 & \leq C \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^j f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x \right) - \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^{j+1} f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^{j+1} x \right) \right\| \\
 & \leq C^2 \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left| \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^j \right| \left[\left\| f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x \right) + \frac{b}{K} f \left(-\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x \right) \right\| \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left\| \frac{b}{K} f \left(-\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x \right) + \frac{a}{K} f \left(\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x \right) \right\| \right] \\
 & \leq \frac{C^2}{|K|} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left| \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^j \right| \left[\phi \left(0, -\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x \right) + \phi \left(\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x, -\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^j x, 0 \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for all nonnegative integers m and l with $m > l$ and all $x \in X$. It means that the sequence $\{(\frac{a}{K})^n f((\frac{K}{a})^n x)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$. Since Y is complete, the sequence $\{(\frac{a}{K})^n f((\frac{K}{a})^n x)\}$ converges. So we may define the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ by $A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\frac{a}{K})^n f((\frac{K}{a})^n x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Moreover, by letting $l = 0$ and passing the limit $m \rightarrow \infty$, we get (3.4).

Now, we show that A is additive.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|A(x) + A(y) - A(x+y)\| \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a}{K} \right|^n \left\| f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) + f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y \right) - f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n (x+y) \right) \right\| \\
 & \leq C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a}{K} \right|^n \left[\left\| f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) + \frac{b}{K} f \left(-\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) \right\| \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left\| f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y \right) + \frac{a}{K} f \left(-\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y \right) \right\| \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \left\| \frac{a}{K} f \left(-\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y \right) + \frac{b}{K} f \left(-\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) + f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n (x+y) \right) \right\| \right] \\
 & \leq C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a}{K} \right|^n \left[\phi \left(0, -\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \phi \left(-\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y, 0, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y \right) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \phi \left(-\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n y, -\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n (x+y) \right) \right] \\
 & = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in X$. So the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is an additive mapping.

Now, we show that the uniqueness of A . Assume that $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is another additive mapping satisfying (3.4). Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x) - T(x)\| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a}{K} \right|^n \left\| A \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) - T \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) \right\| \\ &\leq C \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{a}{K} \right|^n \left[\left\| A \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) - f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) \right\| + \left\| T \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) - f \left(\left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) \right\| \right] \\ &\leq 2C \frac{C^2}{|K|} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\tilde{\phi} \left(0, -\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x, \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x \right) + \tilde{\phi} \left(\frac{K}{a} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x, -\frac{K}{b} \left(\frac{K}{a} \right)^n x, 0 \right) \right] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in X$. Thus we may conclude that $A(x) = T(x)$ for all $x \in X$. This proves the uniqueness of A . So the mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ is a unique additive mapping satisfying (3.4). \square

Corollary 3.3. *Let p, θ and K be positive real numbers with $p > 1$ and $|a + b + K| > K$. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a mapping satisfying*

$$\|af(x) + bf(y) + Kf(z)\| \leq \left\| Kf \left(\frac{ax + by}{K} + z \right) \right\| + \theta(\|x\|^p + \|y\|^p + \|z\|^p)$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique additive mapping $A : X \rightarrow Y$ such that

$$\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \frac{\frac{1}{K} \left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^p + \frac{3a}{K} \theta}{\left(\frac{a}{K} \right)^p - \frac{a}{K}} \|x\|^p$$

for all $x \in X$.

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